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Consumer Product SAFETY ALERT

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Under laws administered by CPSC, an estimated 325 million potentially hazardous products have been called back from the marketplace and consumers since 1973 (when CPSC was created). Most of these were voluntarily recalled by manufacturers who established programs to repair or replace the products, or to refund the purchase price.

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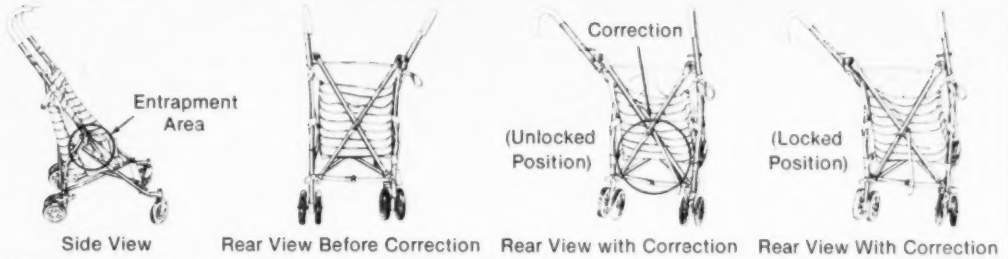
Hedstrom to Voluntarily Repair Li'l Steeler Strollers to Prevent Collapse



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In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Hedstrom Company of Bedford, Pennsylvania, announced a voluntary repair program affecting approximately 625,000 strollers manufactured between 1975 and September, 1982.

The strollers which were distributed nationwide are being repaired because, in the event the stroller unexpectedly folds up, it is possible for a child to be injured by placing a finger into the hinge area of each side of the stroller.

The Commission is aware of at least 14 incidents where the strollers have collapsed while in use. These incidents have resulted in at least 6 finger amputations and 8 other serious injuries to children after fingers were caught in the stroller's side hinge area.

To eliminate the potential for injury, the firm has developed a safety lock which when installed and used on the stroller will prevent unexpected folding of the unit.

To obtain a free safety lock, consumers who own the Li'l Steeler Stroller may call Hedstrom's toll-free number 800-233-3271; in Pennsylvania 800-242-9034 or write to the firm at Department 100, P.O. Box 432, Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522-0432.

Only the Li'l Steeler Strollers containing model numbers on the shown list are affected by this repair program. The model number can be found on the identification label attached to the frame of the stroller. If the label is removed, consumers can identify affected strollers by looking for the "Hedstrom" name sewn into the safety strap.

The Commission and Hedstrom advise parents not to use this stroller until the safety lock is installed. Parents are also reminded never to fold or unfold this type of stroller with the child seated in, or touching the frame of the stroller.

Additional information on the repair program may be obtained by calling the CPSC's toll-free Hotline on 800-638-CPSC. A teletypewriter number for the hearing impaired is 800-638-8270.

List of Affected Model Numbers

8-040	8-259	8-8067
8-0508	8-506	8-807
8-0504	8-508	8-8073
8-053	8-509	8-808
8-054	8-603	8-8085
8-055	8-604	8-809
8-056	8-605	8-810
8-057	8-606	8-8148
8-058	8-607	8-852
8-059	8-608	8-940
8-140	8-609	8-942
8-142	3-610	8-9422
8-1423	8-701	8-9423
8-150	8-702	8-9427
8-1504	8-7021	8-943
8-151	8-703	8-9437
8-1511	8-7032	8-944
8-1512	8-704	8-9443
8-153	8-7042	8-945
8-154	8-707	8-950
8-155	8-708	8-9501
8-156	8-7081	8-9502
8-158	8-709	8-9503
8-1581	8-7092	8-9504
8-159	8-710	8-9505
8-243	8-7102	8-9506
8-2501	8-801	8-9508
8-2502	8-8014	8-951
8-251	8-802	8-953
8-2512	8-8022	8-954
8-2514	8-8027	8-955
8-252	8-8028	8-957
8-2522	8-803	8-958
8-253	8-804	8-959
8-254	8-8045	11-303
8-256	8-805	11-3030
8-257	8-8053	
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